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## WWII memorial dedicated in North Chicago

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Spectators gather at the new Veterans Memorial Park in North Chicago to witness the dedication of a monument honoring World War II veterans. Special emphasis was given to African-American servicemembers including the first black naval officers. For the story, see page 16.

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#### Foreign visit



Photo by John Sheppard

Miroslav Wlachowky, Slovak deputy chief of mission, embassy of Slovakia, toured the USS Arizona barracks at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes on Nov. 16. Later, he enjoyed lunch with Sailors in the ship's galley at RTC, including AT1(AW) Terry Brisco.

## Volunteer income tax assistance program seeking volunteers

Motivated E-5 and above Sailors are needed to attend Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) training from Jan. 8-19. The Naval Legal Service Office will host classes Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 190. A qualified representative from a local IRS office will be teaching class attendees how to properly file taxes.

According to the official Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Web site, VITA not only provides information to ensure more accurate tax returns, it also decreases the wait for tax returns due to electronic filing. The site reads, "Most service members file their tax returns electronically at their tax centers and, by selecting direct deposit, receive their refunds in as little as one week. This combined effort ensures that service members receive free tax assistance from well-trained and equipped military tax preparers."

The service is free to all active duty personnel, reservists, retirees, and their family members. The VITA program for military members is organized by the Armed Forces Tax Council (AFTC) consisting of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

YN1 Pranee Mcfadgen said VITA made filing taxes easy. "They keep copies of last year's taxes," she continued, "It was quick, it didn't take long at all." Military members interested in attending VITA classes, contact Lt. Nathaniel Gross, JAGC, USN, Naval Legal Service Office North Central Detachment Great Lakes at one of the following: DSN 792-4753, ext. 108; or commercial (847) 688-4753, ext.108.

### DoD official cites success of all-volunteer force

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Citing the all-volunteer force's success, a senior Defense Department official said today that a draft would diminish the quality of U.S. forces and put more of the burden of service on the nation's

poor.

"I think the draft is opposed by anybody who has given it serious thought," said Bill Carr, deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy

New York Rep. Charles Rangel
– in line to be the next chairman
of the powerful Ways and Means

Committee in the House – said he will introduce legislation in the next session of Congress to reinstate the draft.

add \$4 billion in annual costs to DoD. Because draftees usually spend the minimum time they possibly can in the military, the

Carr said the draft is not costeffective and would force the military to lower its standards for recruits. A Government Accountability Office report, he said, estimated that a draft would add \$4 billion in annual costs to DoD. Because draftees usually spend the minimum time they possibly can in the military, the services would have to pump more money into training and would get less return on their

See ALL VOLUNTEER, page 24

## DANTES study booklets available at library

**By JUDY LAZARUS**Bulletin Associate Editor

The DANTES (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support) Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) are available at Naval Station through the Navy College Program.

There are 37 different DSSTs and the Naval Station Library has two examination study booklets for each examination, which are available for checkout immediately. The study booklets have typical DSST examinations in them with the answer keys and how the solutions were obtained. These references provide an opportunity to be totally prepared prior to taking the DSST.

"This is a wonderful addition to one of our most popular collections," said Kevin Jones, library director. "The library has a separate collection of study guides that include preparation materials for taking CLEP, SAT, ACT, ASVAB, and other popular tests taken by Great Lakes Sailors," he noted. "And now we have at least one guide for each and every DANTES test offered by the Navy College Program, which is located in the same building as the library, Bldg. 617, The Lifelong Learning Center."

These comprehensive college level examinations are given free of charge to active duty members of the armed forces. Spouses and retirees who are enrolled in an onbase educational program may test and only pay the examination fee of \$70; there is no registration fee. The tests themselves are equivalent to end-of-subject course examinations. Examinees apply their on-the-job learning,

self-study, personal interest, and any other applicable learning experiences to pass the DSST.

Colleges and universities award college credit to students who demonstrate that they know as much as students completing an equivalent college course. This is a cost-efficient, time-saving way for students to use their knowledge to accomplish their educational goals.

"The purchase by the Naval Station Library of hard copy study guides for the DANTES Subject Standardized Tests is a major commitment to the Great Lakes community," said Anthony Tomei, director, Navy College Great Lakes.

"These commercially produced study guides not only have sample test questions and answers but also explain how the correct answer is obtained, a

must for all DANTES Subject Standardized Test takers. Once again the Navy is emphasizing the importance of lifelong learning and providing additional support for that learning."

Most schools accept the American Council on Education (ACE) credit recommendations for the minimum score required and the amount of credit awarded.

Each student must check the policy regarding the score level required for credit and the number of credits awarded with their educational institution.

Before testing, students should ascertain the acceptability of a specific test for their degree program.

For further information about the DSSTs or testing, visit the Navy College Office or call 688-4681, ext. 216. Page 3 • Friday, November 24, 2006 **GREAT LAKES BULLETIN** 

#### **Lotring begins tenure**



Photo by HM1 Dwayne Snader Rear Adm. Arnold Lotring, commander, Naval Service Training Command, shakes hands with Doug West, USMC (Ret.) of the Military Officers Association of America, after a change-ofcommand ceremony aboard RTC, Nov. 17. Lotring relieved Rear Adm. Gary Jones who will take command of Naval **Education and Training** Command, Pensacola, Fla.

### Local students earn full college scholarship from Navy ROTC birthday by June 30 of the year ship can be activated)

By NRD, CHICAGO

Seven local students have received full scholarships to some of the top universities in the country courtesy of the Navy Reserve Officers Corps or (NROTC).

Congratulations go to the seven high school students selected for a Navy ROTC scholarship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the University of Notre Dame, George Washington University, the University of Idaho and the

University of Minnesota. All seven got a full scholarship at the degree program they de-

Cmdr. David R. Klain commanding officer, Navy Recruiting District Chicago said, "The Navy ROTC program is an excellent way for any young person to obtain a college degree at our expense and become a part of the world's finest Navy as a commissioned officer."

Requirements of the program include:

•Not less than 17 years old by the school of their choice and in Sept. 1 of year starting college and no more than 23 on June 30 of that year, and must not have reached 27th birthday by June 30 of year in which graduation and commissioning are antici-

> •Applicants with prior military service may be eligible for age adjustments for amount of time equal to their prior service, on month-by-month basis, for a maximum of 36 months, if they will not reach their 30th

graduation and commissioning are anticipated.

·High school graduation or equivalency certificate by Aug. 1 of year of entrance into fouryear NROTC Scholarship program.

 Physically qualified by Navy or Marine Corps standards.

·Apply for and gain admission to NROTC colleges (not required during selection process, but notification of admission must be received before scholar-

Qualifying scores Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT)

Minimum scores are (including Nurse-option): SAT: 530 critical reading; 520 math; ACT: 22 English 22 math

For additional information on the Navy Scholarship Programs any Navy opportunity, please contact the NROTC coordinator FTC John Wagers at (847) 688-7100 ext. or go online https://www.nrotc.navy.mil. to start the application process.

## The holidays are a time to practice seasonal fire safety

**By JAMES KRAUSE NAVSTA Fire Department** 

Dec. 21 is listed as the official first day of winter; however, the temperatures started to drop back in October, making people look for ways to stay warm.

Traditionally, Thanksgiving Day is the beginning of the holiday season, where we will spend time with our families and friends, whether to talk about the past or welcome in the New Year and the challenges and rewards that will accompany it.

It is also the time when most people begin their holiday shop-

ping, making plans to travel and ficial Christmas tree. visit family and friends and decorate their homes for the upcoming holidays. The Great Lakes Fire Department wishes everyone a "fire-safe" holiday season and offers the following tips to help:

•Ensure that your holiday decorations are flame/fire re-

- •Install holiday lights according to the manufacturer's recommendations.
- ·Limit the use of extension not block them. cords and make sure you use the appropriate size and type.
- •Recommend the use of arti-

- •If you have a live tree, keep the stand filled with water and the tree away from heat sources.
- •Turn off your holiday lights before retiring for the night or going away.
- •Test your smoke detectors to ensure that they are working
- •Test your carbon monoxide detectors to ensure that they are
- •Keep all exits accessible; do
- •Keep candles away from combustibles and make sure that the time a fire breaks out there is a candle holders are sturdy and limited amount of time that a

can't be tipped over easily.

·If you park your vehicle inside a garage, always pull it outside of the garage as soon as you have started it. Don"t let your vehicle idle in the garage; it creates carbon monoxide and can seep into your house causing everyone to get sick.

Most residential fire deaths occur between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. This is the time of greatest danger, when people are asleep. The primary killer is smoke and poisonous gases which overcome victims as they sleep. From the

person has to escape. With the early warning of a smoke detector, you can be awakened during the early stages of a fire while escape is still possible. While you are out buying presents for friends and family, why not give them a smoke detector or a carbon monoxide detector or a portable fire extinguisher. They make great gifts and could save their life.

Additional information can be obtained from the Great Lakes Fire Department., fire prevention bureau at (847) 688-

Happy holidays to all!

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#### Commander's call



Rear Adm. Arnold O. Lotring, commander, Naval Service Training Command, speaking at Mondays Commanders Call for NSTC staff civilians, told those gathered at the Port O'Call that he welcomes others' opinions. "Don't be afraid to bring things before me," the admiral said.

### Library's Story Time reader enjoys her work

BY JUDY R. LAZARUS **Bulletin Associate Editor** 

Youngsters 5 and under, and their parents, are invited to the second Naval Station Library free story time on Nov. 29 from

"We have finger plays and music also," noted story time reader Laura Ackerman. "Sometimes they get the wiggles so we sing songs and move around too. It's a fun program for children with a nice relaxed atmosphere," she noted. "They learn while they're having fun. Some don't even realize they're

"I focus on the children and

Ackerman was acquainted Naval Station Library Director Kevin Jones when both were in Yokosuka, Japan, where Jones was supervisory librarian at the MWR library for Commander Fleet Activities and Ackerman was teaching music, fitness and reading to children. Her husband, now attached to Naval Health Clinic, was assigned to the hospital in Yokosuka and then aboard the USS Kitty Hawk.

"It was just incredible," Ackerman said. "We had 50 kids every week, all from military families. I read in English but

the parents," she said. "I love we had a grand mix of language. One of the parents was often a national of another country.'

> A native of Cottage Grove, Minn., Ackerman received a degree in elementary education from the University Wisconsin at River Falls, near the border of Minnesota.

> Before going to Japan she child fitness in Maryland. "My 'Hoppy Hour' was for 'lapsitters' to age 5,' Ackerman noted.

> When she came to Great Lakes and saw that Jones was director the Ackerman asked him if she could do a library story time. Her offer was accepted.



Photo by Judy R. Lazarus

## Realignment of Navy career counselor rating

By MC1(SW/AW) JOHN OSBORNE

NPDC Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) — The Navy career counselor (NC) rating has been realigned this fall from the Center for Service Support (CSS) to the new Center for Personal and Professional Development

This realignment was the result of Sailors' input and Fleet needs under the Manpower. and Education (MPT&E) initiative. CPPD, formerly known as the Center for Personal Development (CPD), is a merger of the Center for Career Development (CCD) in Millington, Tenn., and CPD located on Dam Neck base in Virginia Beach, Va.

"As of Oct. 1, CPPD has assumed the responsibilities associated with managing its first rating, the Navy career counselor. This is a major milestone for the personal development directorate," said Capt. William Dewes, commanding officer,

Dewes said the new alignment will allow NCs to be better informed not only about their own rating information, but also on career development is sues and opportunities for all

Rear Adm. David Gove, commander, Navy Personnel Command and until recently. the commander of Naval Personnel Development Command, concurred.

"Aligning this rating to the Center for Service Support made perfect sense during the Revolution in Training, but the recent merger of the Center for Personal Development and the Development has provided an opportunity to further align Navy career counselors with programs that support all ratings," he said.

The significance of this merger is in the growth of personal development. The roles of NCs align closely with the personal competencies of the 5 Vector Model (5VM) that were being developed by CPD. As the newly-merged Learning Center, CPPD now assumes the 5VM, Functional Integration, Knowledge Management, curriculum development and the resource functions of the NC rating that were performed by

### TRICARE updates rates

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – An updated list of the TRICARE reimbursement rates is now available to beneficiaries. The changes for fiscal year 2007 include updated rates for inpatient mental health, residential treatment centers, partial hospitalization, hospice, and inpatient cost-shares for civilian hospitals.

"We take very seriously the president's initiative toward transparency in health care costs," said Army Major General Elder Granger, deputy director, TRICARE Management Activity. "This is just one way we make the cost of medical services available to our beneficiaries.'

TRICARE reimbursement rates are aligned with Medicare rates as set by Congress However, TRICARE does have some dispensations that may not be available to Medicare to ensure that beneficiaries continue to have health care available. "It is important for our servicemembers and their families to know that we will take care of them," Granger said.

Medicare premiums also change annually and now the Medicare Part B premium is linked to income. In 2007, individual incomes will trigger premium increases at \$80,000, \$100,000, \$150,000 and \$200,000. For married couples the premium rises when the income is double those amounts. However, this change will have no effect on TRICARE costs or benefits for those who are also Medicare beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries may view the updated reimbursement rates on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/tricarecost.cfm.

Laura Ackerman reads to youngsters during story time at the Naval Station Library.

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### **Honormen and Award Winners at the** Recruit Graduation Review

Each Honor Graduate and Award Winner will receive the Commanding Officer's commemorative coin in recognition of their superlative achievements during recruit training. The Honor Graduates for this week's Recruit Review graduation are as follows:

SR Jolyn Sannicolas, Division 407, Ordot, Guam

SR Jon Olson, Division 408, Denver, Colo. SR Tyler Downs, Division 409, Marshall, Va. SR Samuel Melville, Division 410, Juneau,

SR James Mcarthur, Division 411, Forest Lake. Minn.

SR James Givens, Division 412, Reno, Nev. SR Julio Saldana, Division 413, El Paso,

SR Rickey Whitehead, Division 414, Tampa,

SR Jeffrey Salzar, Division 415, Phoenix, Ariz.

SR Celine Pinet, Division 416, Boston, Mass. SR Freddie Parra, Division 417, Bakersfield, Calif.

SR Christopher White, Division 418, Lake Charles, La.

SR Jennifer Barr, Division 953, Indianapolis,

The Recruit Chief Petty Officers for this week's Recruit Review graduation are as follows:

**Texas** 

SR Irisha Crews, Division 407, Cotton, Minn. SR Nisha Marrero, Division 408, Philadelphia, Penn.

SR Ryan King, Division 409, Indianapolis, Ind.

SR Dennis Bertmeyer, Division 410, El Paso, **Texas** 

SR Jamel King, Division 411, Houston, Texas SR Michael Weiss, Division 412, Sparks, Nev. SR Tyler Wells, Division 413, Hawkinsville,

SR Timothy Wall, Division 414, Houston,

SR Ross Gardner, Division 415, Jesup, Ga. SR Mary Boyer, Division 416, Oakland, Calif. SR Isaac Loveland, Division 417, Neptune, N.J.

SR Richard Degeest, Division 418, Buffalo, N.Y.

SR Alyssa Rivera, Division 953, Kissimmee,

#### **Pictured are Award Recipients for this week:**



SR Matthew Remkiewicz, Sacramento, Calif. **Academic Excellence Award** 



SR Patrick Reickman. Nixa. Mo. **USO Shipmate Award** 



SR Megan Puckett, Kent City Mich. Award of Merit



SR Samantha Riddle, St. Marvs. Penn. MOAA Leadership Award



SR Daniel Smith, Ocean Springs, Miss. **Navy League Award** 



Houston, Texas **Military Excellence Award** 

#### TSC SHIP IN THE SPOTLIGHT: USS PORTER

#### **Ship's History:**

USS Porter (DDG-78) was commissioned March 20, 1999. Its homeport is San Diego. Calif, and is the fifth ship to carry the name. The ship is named for Commodore David



Porter (1780-1843) and his son Admiral David Dixon Porter (1831-1891). The first Porter (TB-6) served from 1897-1912 during the Spanish-American War. The second Porter (DD-59) served as a convoy escort in Europe during WWI. The third Porter (DD-356) served in the Pacific During WWII and received heavy torpedo damage during the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands. The crew was forced to abandon ship. USS Porter earned one Battle Star for valiant service. The fourth Porter was commissioned in June 1944 earned two Battle Stars, first for conducting offensive patrols in Japan, and the second for bombardments of North Korean trains during the Korean War.

#### **BEQ Stats:**

- 1. House 195 male students attending Advanced Technical Training.
- 2. Awarded Ship of the Month for October.
- 3. Awarded Ship of the Quarter for 4th Ouarter FY-06.
- 4. Awarded the MUC flag for Sustained Superior Performance.
- 5. Carry the MUC flag, Battle 'E' flag, SOM flag, Star flag, Scholastic flag, and Community Service flag.
- 6. Ship of month standing- 2nd
- 7. Ship of guarter standing- 2nd



Witthoeft

#### **STAFF**

Name: FC2(SW) Dustin A. Witthoeft Hometown: Pine Island, Minn.

Age: 25.

Previous commands: USS Briscoe (DD-977), USS Monterey (CG-61), USS Barry

Hobbies: Automotive work, motorcycle

Goals: Make 1st Class, Complete MTS qualification.

**Job before the Navy:** Auto mechanic.

#### **STUDENT**

Name: AA Michael J. Cavazos Hometown: Brownsville, Texas.

**Previous Command: None.** 

**Current School:** Apprentice Technical Training.

**GPA:** 8.6 SPI.

**Hobbies:** Sports, computers, reading. Goals: Make chief petty officer, travel.

Job before the Navv: None.



**Cavazos** 

#### Readers Speak Out

This week the Bulletin asks its readers, "If you were to create the ultimate vacation destination, what would it be like and where would it be located?"



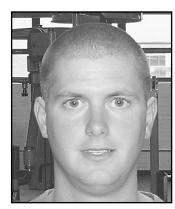
"Las Vegas or an all inclusive cruise. Cruise destination undetermined."

Staff Sgt. Carlos Lopez



"White sand beaches, like the ones in Miami and an open gym at my disposal."

**FC2 Brett Mincher** 



"Go down to the Great Lakes

Marina and go salmon fishing."

**Bill Jeffery** 

"Mexico, specifically Cancun,

there and I hear the scuba div-

Vanessa Lopez

because I have never been

ing is excellent."

"An extensive five-day hiking and camping trip in Sardinia, Italy."

**SN Ravan Bahlawan** 

"Somewhere in south Florida.

Beautiful weather and great

beaches."

**FN Seth Schaeffer** 

#### What Happened When

#### 40 years ago **HOLIDAY MEAL TICKETS ON SALE**

Special meal tickets are now on sale in Bldg. 213 for personnel who wish to eat Thanksgiving Day dinner in the base galleys. Cost of tickets for dependents, civilian guests and officers will be \$1.15. Officers and civilians drawing per diem will pay \$1.45; enlisted personnel authorize to purchase, 50¢; and children under 12 years of age, 65¢.

#### 30 years ago **FLAGS AT GALLEY 928**

State flags will be a part of the Galley 928 face lift for the months to come. State flags representing every state in the union will hang on the walls of the galley. CWO3 H.N. King SC, MSCM W.F. Curio, and MSC C.F. French, who are in charge of the galley, decided to dress it up with state flags. The first flag donated was the Arkansas state flag, by Sue Brewster.

#### A look back at historic Great Lakes 20 years ago

#### **FIELD HOUSE TO BE BUILT** After five years of planning and discussion it appears the proposed new field house at Great Lakes is finally becoming a reality. Groundbreaking was held recently and construction is expected to be completed by

design we hoped for but it will be a very nice facility," said Keith Stewart, Recreation Division

### 10 years ago OR NURSES CELEBRATE

November 1987. "It's certainly not the extensive

Perioperative (Operating room) nurses around the country celebrated National OR Nurses Week Nov. 10-16. Perioperative nursing was the first specialty in nursing practice dating back to 1889, when three physicians set up Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore to train doctors and nurses. Perioperative nurses have come a long way since that time.

#### Name:

Tyler VanFosson

#### Age:

#### I live with:

Mom, dad, twin sisters and a brother.

Great Lakes Tyke

#### My pets are:

No pets.

#### I help around the house by:

Cleaning up my toys and my mom lets me help do laundry.

#### My favorite book is:

About cars.

#### My favorite cartoon is:

Batman.

#### My favorite food is:

Corn on the cob.

#### My favorite toy or game is: I like toys that are trans-

#### My sisters, brother and me.



**Tyler VanFosson** 

formers.

#### My favorite color is: Black.

My favorite thing to do is: Play my Superman game.

#### When I grow up I want to be: A soldier.

#### My picture is of:



## MCRS volunteers needed

The Great Lakes Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society is looking for volunteers. By volunteering you can help a fellow Sailor or Marine and:

- •Receive reimbursement for
- childcare expenses and mileage ·Help people with an emergency need
  - Build your resume

·Develop new skills or improve on existing talents

They are now interviewing for the following volunteer posi-

•Thrift Shop workers who accept and organize donated items for resale through the NMCRS Great Lakes Thrift Shop.

Receptionists who provide

information, greet clients, and process data.

·Caseworkers who listen to requests, make decisions and disburse funds to meet client

Contact Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Great Lakes for an application or call for more information at (847) 688-6830.

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#### **Special military rates for** holiday exodus travel

MWR Travel Plus can assist you with the annual "Exodus Travel" for base personnel to return home during the holiday period. In order to assist Navy personnel with these arrangements, MWR Travel Plus will be open additional hours at the ITT Office in the Student Store (see below for dates/times).

Although Exodus is the busiest travel time of the year, reduced Military (MIL) rates are available, along with some relief from many of the airline ticketing rules. In 2005, Navy personnel utilizing MWR's ITT Travel Office saved an average of \$97 per ticket verses purchasing from an outside source.

All personnel are advised to make their plans as far in advance as possible.

#### **Airport Shuttle Ticket Information:**

Airport shuttle (one-way) ticket cost: \$15, and with the "Gold Card" discount, only \$13 - to either Midway or O'Hare airports! Airport shuttle bus departure times: 4:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. from Pier 525 on Thurs., Dec. 21. Airport Shuttle ticket outlets: Bldg. 400-ITT Office, Bldg. 2A-Loft, Bldg.'s 616 and 621-Zapper's and HCS. Tickets are available for purchase during these facility's regular operating hours.

**December MWR Travel Plus "In Person"** Hours (when airline tickets may be purchased) at the ITT Office ... Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;

November:

-Monday-Friday

-November (paydays)

The ITT Office is closed on

November 10, 23, 24 and 25.

Purchase your airline tickets in person at HCS on Tuesdays in December from

10am-5pm

10am-8pm

Thursdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays, Dec. 2 & 16; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; and paydays, Dec. 1 and 15; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Plus ... An "On-site" representative will be at the Hospital Corps School on all Tuesdays in December from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Call (800) 905-9330 (toll free number) for those interested in purchasing airline tickets over the phone. Itineraries may be picked up at the ITT Office. Hours the phone service will be in operation: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### Australia...

Planning to visit the land down under? ITT can assist you with airfare, tour packages and 3, 4 and 5 star accommodations at unbelievable prices! Visit the ITT Australia website: www.ittaustralia.com/ or call for details, today!

#### **MWR Offers FREE Chicago Wolves Hockey Game Tickets!**

For the fourth straight year, the Chicago Wolves and the MWR Department are offering 100 FREE tickets to each and every home game at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, IL.All eligible MWR customers may stop by the ITT Office to sign-up (at least two days prior to the game of choice) to receive a voucher (good for up to four tickets) for any home game per month (additional tickets are permitted if availability exists). Customers must present the voucher at the Arena's VIP ticket window on the day of the game to receive their FRFF tickets.

#### **MWR Travel Plus...**

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Airport shuttle tickets (one-way) - only \$15 & with Gold Card only \$13

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Offer subject to availability. Stop by the ITT Office for additional information or visit www.hidowntown.com.For advance reservations, call (312) 957-9100 and ask for the NAVY rate.



Movies: \$2-Adult (Military or DOD) \$1-Child (ages 6-11), Free-Under age 6

Ross Theater is located in Bldg. 110 and is open to everyone. Children 17 years of age and under trying to gain access to a "R-Rated" movie must be accompanied by an adult.

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Fri., Nov. 24 6 p.m.



PG 13~For language, crude and sexual content, and some violence. (101 Min.)

Fri., Nov. 24 8:30 p.m.



PG 13~For intense sequences of action/peril, brief strong language and some sensuality. (139 Min.)

Sat., Nov. 25 6 p.m.



PG 13~For crude and sexual humor, and language. (103 Min.)

Sat., Nov. 25 8:30 p.m.



R~For strong brutal violence, pervasive language, some strong sexual content and drug material. (150 Min.)

Sun., Nov. 26 3:30 p.m.



PG~For some mild language. (110 Min.)

Sun., Nov. 26 6 p.m.



PG 13~For intense sequences of action/peril, brief strong language and some sensuality. (139 Min.)

The movie schedule is subject to change without notice. For up-to-date information,

call the MWR Scoop Line at 688-2110, ext. 697,

www.mwrgl.com





CHAPLAIN' S CORNER

## Disappointment or divine appointment?

By LT. DEREK P. SCHULTZ, CHC, USN

The year was 1920. The scene was the examining board for selecting missionaries. Standing before the board was a young man named Oswald Smith. One dream had dominated his heart: he wanted to be a missionary. Over and over again, he prayed, "Lord, I want to go as a missionary for you; open a door of service for me." Now, at last, his prayer would be answered. When the examination was over, the board turned Oswald Smith down. He did not meet their qualifications. He failed the test.

Oswald Smith had set his direction, but now life gave him a detour. What would he do? As Smith prayed, God planted another idea in his heart. If he could not go as a missionary, he would build a church which could send out missionaries. And that is exactly what he did. Oswald Smith pastored The People's Church in Toronto, Canada, which sent out more missionaries than any other church at that time. He brought the Lord into the situation, and the Lord transformed his detour into a main thoroughfare of service to the entire world.

## Volunteers urgently needed at RAO

The Great Lakes Retired Activities Office (RAO) at the Naval Station Great Lakes is in urgent need of volunteers. The office has lost several of its volunteers due to illness and relocation in recent months, making it difficult for the office to remain open on a daily basis to meet the needs of its clients.

Military retirees, their spouses and widows, are sought for the volunteer spots because of their familiarity with the issues and the community which the office services. Active duty who would like to volunteer during their off time are also welcome. Hours can be worked around your schedule.

The office serves the retired military in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin,

Responding to telephone

calls and directing to the appropriate offices, either at Great Lakes or elsewhere, volunteers provide information and assistance about benefits.

Volunteers are not expected to be experts on matters affecting military retirees. Guidance readily available at the RAO explains resources available to which callers can be referred.

Volunteers would need to be available once a week for six hours.

The office is located in Fleet and Family Support Center, Bldg. 42, Room 118, located in back of the information center.

For more information or to volunteer, call the Retired Activities Office on Thursday's at (847) 688-3603, ext. 118 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. or email ruth.henson @ navy.mil.

While disappointments can deflate a positive attitude, the danger can be that if allowed, disappointments can sabotage hope and dreams. We must remember that experiencing a disappointment does not have to ruin your day nor your future. In fact, it may be a divine appointment from the Lord.

Think about the significance

of that last statement. That means that the Lord is the master of every circumstance that we will ever face. It also means that He will never waste our time. He can guide us so we will always be able to learn something valuable in each situation that we experience. Our question should not be, "Oh, why is this happening to me?" but, "How can this be used by the Lord to make me into a better person?"

In 1858, the Illinois legislature—using an obscure statute—sent Stephen A. Douglas to the U.S. Senate instead of Abraham Lincoln, although Lincoln had won the popular vote. When a sympathetic friend asked Lincoln how he felt, he said, "Like the boy who stubbed his toe: I am too big to cry and too badly hurt to laugh."

And despite this disappointment, and many more yet to come in his life, we know that Lincoln rose above his circumstances and challenges to become one of our country's greatest leaders and presidents.

Meanwhile, you find yourself on this Navy adventure of a lifetime. Do you see this part of your life's adventure as part of God's unerring and wondrous plan for your life? Jeremiah 29:11 – 13 says: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

In this time of Thanksgiving, we can be thankful that the Lord does have a perfect plan for our lives. The Lord can take our disappointments in school, family, or specific aspects of our life and use them to train us, guide us to new opportunities, and bring about great things in our future like the lives of Oswald Smith and Abraham Lincoln. The test in our lives is not the disappointment, but the questions we ask and how we will respond to the disappointment.

### Navy Band Great Lakes' annual holiday concert

Come and enjoy a bit of holiday spirit at Navy Band Great Lakes' annual holiday concert on Dec. 10, at 4 p.m. "Sounds of the Season" is family-friendly fun, with singing and playing by the talented Navy Band, under the direction of Lt. Joseph Dolsak.

This season is a time of celebration for many traditions and cultures, and Navy Band Great Lakes will tap the rich musical heritage of Hanukkah and Christmas to help everyone get in the holiday mood. The band's many units will contribute a varied program of instrumental

and vocal musical stylings that explore the serious, the sub-lime and the silly moods that make this such a special time of year.

Family fun and togetherness through music will be the theme of the day, with many opportunities to tap the toes and sing along to familiar favorites. A fun musical setting of Clement Clark Moore's "The Night Before Christmas" will offer a chance for the children in the audience to come forward and enjoy a hol-

iday classic. Who knows?
Perhaps we'll even have
a surprise visit by a
certain someone from
the far north!

"This time of year is so special in so many ways," said Dolsak, "and the opportunity to share this season with our Great Lakes family is both an honor and a real joy for us."

The men and women of Navy Band Great Lakes hope that you can come and share our holiday gift of music.

#### Command Religious Program Schedule

#### Catholic

#### **Protestant**

Wed., Noon Praise, Word and Worship ........Naval Health Clinic All Faiths Chapel Sun., 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship .......Bluejacket Memorial Chapel Sun., 10 a.m. Family Worship Service .......Forrestal Village Chapel

#### **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

#### **Chapels**

- Bluejacket Memorial Chapel Bldg. 3, NTC
- •Forrestal Village Chapel Bldg. 2630, Ohio St., Forrestal Village
- •Naval Health Clinic All Faiths Chapel, Wing 2 South
- •For More Information about any of the services or events listed in this schedule, call 688-5610

Great Lakes chaplains are happy to help you find a place of worship according to your tradition and needs.

## **SPORTSCENE**

#### Fitness & Sports Division

Courts Plus-Bldg. 4; 688-6750, Gym 80-H; 688-7692, Field house-Bldg. 440; 688-3419, Great Lakes Fitness Center-Bldg. 2A; 688-5649.

All event/league registrations and manager's meetings take place at the Fitness & Sports Office in Bldg. 440, unless otherwise noted. Turn in registration and forfeiture letters at Bldg. 440. Leagues are open to all active duty and retired military, reservists, family members with an ID and DoD employees with a valid gym membership. For additional information, call 688-3419.

#### New Outdoor Rink is now open ...

Come and enjoy the new outdoor roller rink, which will convert to a hockey rink in the cold weather months. The rink is located east of Boorda Hall near Constitution Field. Watch for information on upcoming leagues!

#### Aquatics

Indoor Pool, Bldg. 440, 688-7692/3419

The Indoor Pool's hours of operation are as follows: Mon., Wed. and Fri.: 6-8 p.m. (lap

swim); Mon.-Fri.: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (lap swim); Sat. and Sun.: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (open swim); Mon. and Wed. 3-5 p.m. (open swim); Fri: 3-7 p.m. (open swim); Tues. and Thurs: 2-5 p.m. (open swim) and Mon.-Thurs.: 6-8:30 p.m. (open swim).

#### **Water Aerobics**

Water Aerobics are scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The cost for 10-classes is \$25 and for 20-classes is \$35. Meet our newest aerobics instructor, as she gets your feet movin' and body groovin'!

#### **Group Swim Lessons ...**

Beginning - Mon., Nov. 6. Class size is limited to the first 6-8 participants! Please call to have your child evaluated, if unsure of appropriate level.

Classes run 5-5:45 p.m. for eight weeks.

Nov. 6 - Monday: Level 1 Nov. 7 - TuesdaY: Level 2

Nov. 8 - Wednesday: Level 3/4

#### **Private Swim Lessons**

Private swim lessons cost \$12 per class / or \$ 40 for four classes. These lessons will be arranged with the Aquatics



#### **Middies crush Temple**



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Chad J. McNee

Annapolis, Md. - Naval Academy Midshipmen quarterback Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhadatake keeps the ball on the option versus the Temple University Owls at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. The Midshipmen defeated the Owls, 42-6.

# Naval safety center urges sports enthusiasts to exercise caution

By MCSN TYLER JONES

Fleet Public Affairs Center Atlantic

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — The Naval Safety Center is urging winter sports enthusiasts to take extra care this season to protect themselves from the dangers of cold-weather expo-

Storekeeper 3rd Class (SW) Jonathan Riser, a supply clerk aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), is one such enthusiast. Having been raised in Salt Lake City, Riser grew up around winter sports and knows the dangers associated with the great outdoors well.

"You have to be careful, because the snow melts and can soak your clothes," he said. "It's smart to wear waterproof jackets (and other clothes)."

Riser has been participating in winter sports since he was six, and said what you choose to wear can make a major difference out in the elements. "I always wear layers, because if you get too hot, you can always take them off," he explained

John Williams, a recreational safety expert at the Naval Safety Center at Naval Station Norfolk, echoed Riser.

"When you're in the cold weather, then you need cold weather gear," Williams said. "If you're in extreme cold weather, then you need extreme cold weather gear."

Preparing properly for the weather outside can be the difference between life and death, he said.

Williams recommends Sailors and their families who plan on enjoying winter sports should wear insulated, waterproof clothing, sunglasses, sunscreen and waterproof shoes.

"Your (proper protective equipment) is one thing that can help save your life in the environment you face," he said.

Williams also warned hypothermia can be a tricky adverskill level."

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"One of the things about hypothermia is that it can fool you into thinking you are warm," he said. "One of the biggest indicators is a loss of cognitive awareness. If you forget where you are, what you're doing, then hypothermia may be setting in."

If sports enthusiasts do find themselves in a not-so-cool situation when injury is a serious threat, Williams said they should seek shelter immediately and drink some warm water or tea.

Proactive steps like checking the weather beforehand and always staying on marked trails according to skill level can help protect enthusiasts from winter sport-related injuries, like hypothermia and frostbite.

"Stay within your specific skill level," Williams urged. "Even though I play basketball, I would never go on the court to play with NBA players, because they are way beyond my specific skill level."

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#### **GREAT LAKES BULLETIN**

## The holidays and operational risk management

By PACIFIC FLEET MASTER

Chief(SS/SW) R. D. West

Hoo-yah Warriors! As my headline here says, the holidays are coming up on us. I know everyone is ramping up for some well-deserved leave and liberty with friends and families. But before I go too far along, I ask that we all take a moment during our celebrations to remember our fellow Warriors overseas fighting the fight, doing the J.O.B. so we can be with our families. While they stand the watch, we need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Like many of you have done they are doing a superb jog. Keep up the great work.

OK, now for the holidays. Lots of fun, visiting with family and friends, parties, you name

this season. You've certainly earned it for the hard work you're doing every day. I can never say it enough, but you (our Sailors) are the key element in our Navy's mission accomplishment! But - and you knew there was a "but" – I hope vou will practice some smart holiday operational risk management (ORM) and safety.

I know ORM and holidays don't sound like a mix, but shipmates they are. Probably more so than any other time of year because we usually see a congregation of the worst possible risks: wintry weather, driving in high-volume traffic, driving fatigue, and alcohol. So you know where I'm going with this one. Prior to letting people knock off for leave or liberty, a good, re-

it. I hope you make the most of sponsible leader will look ALL Sailors about their travel plans: of them in the eye and thoroughly discuss holiday and traffic safety.

> Those leaders will go over the risks and remind their Warriors how to avoid them. They will save lives! During the mid-November to early January timeframe, more people will be on the roads running shopping errands, driving to and from family get-togethers, or trying to make their way to and from leave. That's a lot of cars, a lot of people, and a lot of chances for folks to slip up and make a costly mistake. So those are just some of the risks. Now I want to go over some things everyone can do to manage them!

> First off for leadership, you should include the following items when you talk with your

Absolutely no drinking and driving!

Safe driving practices in inclement weather protective equipment long-distance travel plans; many Web sites can lay out the plans.

Car maintenance (is your vehicle in tip-top shape?)

Leave Chits (Did you put the command contact data; cell phone numbers of the command team on the leave chit?)

Does the member include overnight stops in the trip planning process? To help you out with smart counseling and adhttp://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ and click on the "Traffic Safety" tab. There's lots of great info you can use to develop an information campaign to keep Sailors mindful and safe. Another great resource is the National Sleep Foundation's Web site, that has some great info on helping Sailors understand the dangers of long-distance driving. Just "drowsydriving.org" link, and you are good to go!

On a separate topic, have you checked out the Safety Center Web site? Its seasonal safety section, has just about everything you could want to properly train and counsel your folks. Which reminds me, did you receive your copy of the publication called TRAFFIC 5100? It is the most comprehensive publication on traffic safety I've seen to date, and it is published by the Safety Center. I strongly encourage you to have one in every division and in every

wardroom and CPO mess. The direct file download link is http://safetycenter.navy.mil/medi a/traffic5100/pdf/Traffic5100\_Ent ire\_Handbook.pdf. Please get a copy today.

Now to our Sailors everywhere. As I said earlier, you have certainly earned a break and deserve the best holidays possible. But listen to your leadership this season. I see way too many sitreps come across my desk about Sailors doing foolish and reckless things that wind up hurting or killing themselves or others. Trying to drive crosscountry in a day and a half is just a sitrep waiting for a datetime group. Hoping, instead of knowing, that your car will make a trip is asking for trouble. Shipmates, be smart. Plan. Be responsible. Make the right choices throughout the holidays so that your family can celebrate with you instead of remembering this season in a negative manner.

Bottom Line: Your families and I need you back on the deck plate, hangar, field, office or any other place you might work after the holidays doing the J.O.B! I'll leave the rest to local leadership to do their part as well, and they know what to do. As for me, I'm back pounding the deckplates again, hoping to talk to as many young Warriors as I can. I know I can do that if you all will promise me to think safety and ORM during the upcoming holiday season. HOO YAH SAFETY! See you in the Fleet. Going deep ... Fleet Master Chief out!



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## Monument dedicated to black naval officers

A crowd of several hundred veterans, community members, and Great Lakes personnel gathered Saturday at the new Veterans Memorial Park in North Chicago to dedicate a

Story and Photos by JUDY R. LAZARUS **Bulletin Associate Editor** 

"THE GOLDEN THIRTEEN

IN FEBRUARY 1944, THE

monument honoring World War II veterans, with emphasis on African American service

A plague on the 22-foot black granite monument listed the names of the Golden 13, the first black naval officers and one warrant officer who were commissioned in 1944. Another plague honors the 100,000 black Sailors who trained at Camp Moffett and Camp Robert Smalls during World War II, from June 1942 to

August 1945.

Susan Sublett, widow of Frank Sublett, the last surviving member of the Golden 13 who died two months ago, said she wished her husband could have

"He would have been so proud," she declared. "Those who served did it because it was the right thing to do. They did it for

Theodore Hudson, president of the Chicago Chapter of World War II Black Veterans of Great Lakes, introduced the guest speakers, who included CMDCM(SW/AW) Ali Nelson, command master chief, Naval Station Great Lakes; North Chicago Mayor Leon

Rockingham.; and Rep. Mark Kirk (R-10th District).

"These men who never gave in, they are my heroes," said Nelson. "They fought against the enemy and against racial discrimination. The black Navy veterans of World War II de-

"Those we honor today are all around us," Nelson said. "This monument reminds us that these men are heroes and always will be. The message is that no matter who you are our dedication and perseverance can break down prejudice."

Rockingham thanked Kirk, who had secured at \$97,000 federal grant for the memorial park, and all those who had helped get the project underway.

"This is the first memorial of its kind that was spearheaded by the Black Veterans of World War II," the mayor said. "This monument is the stepping stone of the city's revitalzation. We are lucky to have this memorial to those who are serving and who have served, just a few blocks from Naval Station Great Lakes."

The City of North Chicago deeded the land for the park and also donated \$19,000 for

Kirk noted the proximity of the memorial to Naval Station, "where they U.S. Navy is

"This event marks the key point in the military history of the United States," he said. The Golden 13 helped save our country with no thank you. Now, 50 years later we are saying thank you. You are heroes in our lives."

Kirk observed that there is no other memorial to black World War II veterans.

"These fellow veterans are my brothers and sisters," said the congressman, who is a Colors are paraded by the Naval Health Clinic Color Guard as the dedication cerenaval reserve officer. "They put on their uniforms and fought against the enemy and mony begins. against racism in our own home."



World War II veterans LeRoy Colston, Jr. and Edgar Douglas stand in front of the monument honoring black veterans who served in that war.





Master of Ceremonies for the dedication event was Theodore Hudson, president of the Chicago Chapter of World War II Black Veterans of Great Lakes.



The Training Support Center Choir provided music for the dedication event, along with the **Navy Band Brass Ambassadors.** 



Susan Sublett views a photo of the Golden 13. Her husband Frank Sublett, who died two months ago, was the last surviving member of the group of first black naval officers.